[President.]

prohibit occupation without waiting for permission and must, on that account, be regarded as being encouraged to occupy, fall within the scope of Rule 5.

Taking the present state of things into account as well as the circumstances of the locality, the necessity to discourage profiteering and monopolisation, the absence of any hesitation on the part of this States subjects at present in regard to the exploitation of the lands in question and, finally, and to a paramount degree, the expediency to lessen the number of larger holdings and to give encouragement to small holders to embark on what has now turned out to be a profitable business, Government cannot avoid the conclusion that public interests at this juncture preclude the possibility, under Rule 5, of any registration.

Those persons who are in possession of any lands in regard to which they got no permission to enter and cultivate the land before registry will be forthwith evicted.

Those who have actually entered upon land with permission and effected cultivation on areas permited to be so occupied, are undoubtedly entitled to certain equities which will be decided on the merits of each case, consistently with the principle of public interests already indicated.

Registry of cardamom lands.

66 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnatnad cum *Parur)*: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement showing:

(i) the number of applications in each of the years 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116 and 1117 for registry of cardamom lands in Pallivasal pakuthi;

(ii) the number of those applications which were not admitted owing to defects in the applications;

(iii) the number of those applications admitted but not finally disposed of in each of the said six years;

(iv) the number of applications granted under agreement—

(1) on recovery of Rs. 1½ assessment per acre per year for the first four years after the grant; and

(2) on recovery of Rs. 3 per acre per year from the date of original occupation; and

(*b*) to state the reasons, if any, for fixing the different rates of assessment according to (iv) (1) and (2) above?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The member is referred to answer to question No. 64.

Cardamom Cultivation.

67. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applicants who have occupied lands for cardamom cultivation in Pallivasal pakuthi till 1-11-1117 without obtaining Government permission;

(*b*) the total extent of land occupied by them;

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